

Intimations.

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"ALEXANDRA BUILDINGS,"

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Several hundred Smart Carpet Squares, all sizes and prices.

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BLANKETS!**BLANKETS!****BLANKETS!****SPECIAL PURCHASE OF BLANKETS NOW ON SHOW.****LADIES' DEPARTMENT.****FOR THE RACES.**

New Millinery, Sun-shades, Dress Fabrics, Gloves, &c., &c.

Ladies requiring Costumes are requested to pay us an early visit.

Wm. POWELL, Ltd.
HONGKONG.

Hongkong, 2nd February, 1905.

Intimations.

NOTICE.

THE FIFTEENTH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE HONGKONG BENEVOLENT SOCIETY will take place in the CITY HALL, at 5 P.M., TO-MORROW, February 7th.

ROSE GOMPERTZ,
Hon. Secretary.

Hongkong, 6th February, 1905. [202]

HUMPHREYS ESTATE AND FINANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

THE NINETEENTH ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS of the above Company will be held at the Registered Offices of the Company, Alexandra Buildings, Des Vaux Road, on FRIDAY, 10th February, 1905, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors with a Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1904.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from 1st to 11th February, 1905, both days inclusive.

JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON,
General Managers.

Hongkong, 26th January, 1905. [180]

HONGKONG ICE COMPANY, LIMITED.

THE TWENTY-FOURTH ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the Offices of the General Managers, Pedder's Street, at 12.30 P.M., on MONDAY, 13th February, to receive a Statement of the Company's Accounts to 31st December, 1904, and the Report of the General Managers.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 3rd to the 13th February, both days inclusive.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,
General Managers.

Hongkong, 28th January, 1905. [187]

THE HONGKONG, CANTON AND MACAO STEAMBOAT COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE SEVENTY-SEVENTH ORDINARY HALF-YEARLY MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS in the Company will be held at the Office of the Company, No. 18, Bank Buildings, Queen's Road Central, on TUESDAY, the 14th February, at 12 o'clock Noon, for the purpose of receiving a Report of the Directors, together with a Statement of Accounts, declaring a Dividend, confirming the appointment of a Director, and electing Auditors.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 31st January to the 14th February, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
T. ARNOLD,
Secretary.

Hongkong, 24th January, 1905. [166]

HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

NOTICE is hereby given that the ORDINARY HALF-YEARLY MEETING OF THE SHAREHOLDERS in this Corporation will be held at the CITY HALL, Hongkong, on SATURDAY, the eighteenth day of February, 1905, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Court of Directors together with a Statement of Accounts to 31st December, 1904.

By Order of the Court of Directors,
J. R. M. SMITH,
Chief Manager.

Hongkong, 31st January, 1905. [196]

HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

NOTICE is hereby given that the REGISTER OF SHARES of the Corporation will be CLOSED on SATURDAY, the fourth, to the eighteenth day of February, 1905, (both days inclusive), during which period no Transfer of Shares can be registered.

By Order of the Court of Directors,
J. R. M. SMITH,
Chief Manager.

Hongkong, 31st January, 1905. [197]

HONGKONG AND WYPOA DOCK COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS will be held in the Office of the Company, Queen's Buildings, New Prince, on MONDAY, the 20th February, 1905, at 12 o'clock Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors and the Statement of Accounts to the 31st December, 1904.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 6th to the 20th February, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
THOS. I. ROSE,
Secretary.

Hongkong, 26th January, 1905. [177]

THE HONGKONG STUDIO.HIGHER CLASS PHOTOGRAPHER,
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PORTRAITS, GROUPS AND ENLARGING AND COPYING in all sizes.

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Hongkong, 15th September, 1903. [159]**MEE CHEUNG, PHOTOGRAPHER,**TOP FLOOR OF ICE HOUSE, IN
Des Vaux Road.

IS now in a position, in his New and Commodious Premises, to eclipse, as heretofore, ALL PHOTOGRAPHIC ART PRACTICE in the Colony or in any part of the Far East. GROUPS AND VIEWS a speciality.

Hongkong, 12th September, 1904. [156]

RE-ARMING THE ARTILLERY.

ORDERS GIVEN TO PRIVATE FIRMS.

The War Office has now decided to proceed more expeditiously with the manufacture of the new field guns for the British army. The Government factory at Woolwich will of course produce many of the guns required, but in addition to this orders were placed with Messrs. Vickers, Sons, and Maxim, Sir W. G. Armstrong, Whitworth, and Co., and Messrs. C. Cammell and Co. The first named a Barrow correspondent telegraphed, will re-arm from 40 to 50 out of 160 batteries. The contract price is said to be £16,000 per battery, so that Messrs. Vickers, Sons, and Maxim will receive something like £2,500,000 out of a total expenditure of about £2,500,000. The new guns, 18-pounders for the field artillery and 12-pounders for the horse artillery, will throw a projectile 1,600 feet per second, and twenty-five rounds per minute can be fired at a ten thousand yards' range. The Barrow and Sheffield works will be busy for two years on this order.

The announcement that the re-arming of the artillery is to be begun forthwith and that orders have now been placed with the ordnance manufacturers will, the *Times* says, be received throughout the country with a feeling of relief. The official mind having thus tardily grasped the importance of providing the army with guns which are not to be outclassed alike in range, accuracy, and rapidity of fire by those of possible enemies, it is satisfactory to learn that there is to be no further delay in supplying new weapons of the designs selected by Sir George Marshall's Committee, the recommendations of which body of experts were endorsed in August last by the Army Council. As it is, some time must necessarily elapse before the guns now ordered can be handed over for service.The article published in the *Times* stated that "even after the guns have been ordered complete re-arming must be a matter of eighteen months or two years, and during the whole of that time the state of our artillery must constitute a grave national danger. Not only are all but 18 batteries, now at Aldershot, wholly antiquated in design, but a very considerable proportion of them are worn out by their work in South Africa and are incapable of anything like accurate shooting. Fortunately the growth of public interest in the question, or the recent extensions which woke the Government up to the seriousness of the situation. As for the time required, there is no reason, if work is begun in earnest on April 1, 1905, why the re-arming should not be completed in less than two years. In that case the whole of the regular forces in this country, in the colonies, and in India would be properly equipped for serious campaigning by the spring of 1907."

A Woolwich telegram states that a large number of guns are to be made at the Arsenal. The order from India is for 182 guns (22 batteries) for the field artillery and about half that number for the horse artillery. In addition to the Royal gun factory and the Royal carriage department, the quick-firing cartridge factory will benefit by the order, and overtime will be begun shortly.

"THOSE INTERMINABLE STAIRS!"

A GREENGROVER'S WIFE

TELLS HOW DR. WILLIAMS' PINK PILLS CURED HER OF ANEMIA AND LIVER COMPLAINT.

Mrs. Charlton, wife of a thriving greengrocer in Albert-road, Southsea, England, said—

"About ten years ago I began to suffer with my Liver. I was greatly troubled with shortness of breath and distressing headaches. It was the greatest trouble to me to get upstairs. Listless and languid, I had no appetite. The very sight of food became distasteful, and I could not retain it when I tried to eat. A clever and attentive doctor did all he could for me. My complaint was Anemia, he said, and my blood had, as it were, become reduced to water. I looked so ill that people used to stare at me in the street. 'When I seemed past saving,' continued Mrs. Charlton, 'I read newspaper reports of cases similar to mine. People were being cured by Dr. Williams' Pink Pills almost daily. I commenced taking them. Before I had finished taking the first bottle my appetite improved wonderfully. I began to enjoy food. My pains diminished, and I could sleep better. Step by step I regained my health. Strength came back to me, with a new joy in life. My recovery was entirely due to Dr. Williams' Pink Pills. There is not the slightest doubt of that.'"

Speaking of her bright, intelligent-looking children, Mrs. Charlton said: "They are strong and healthy now, but recently one of them began ailing. He lost his Appetite altogether. About a month ago, however, I gave him some of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills, and I have been delighted to see how nicely his appetite has improved. In fact, he can now eat quite a hearty dinner."

Mrs. Charlton also stated that one of her sisters, who suffered from Anemia, had likewise received very great benefit from taking Dr. Williams' Pink Pills. They cured her because they made new blood. Prompt improvement of appetite showed their work. Whatever diseases arise from too little blood, or blood that lacks richness and purity, they can cure, just as surely as food cures hunger. The genuine pills bear Dr. Williams' name; substitutes are useless and fraudulent. Dr. Williams' Medicine Co., Holborn-viaduct, London, send a bottle post free for 2s. 6d. By making new blood they cure Anemia, Bile, Consumption, Indigestion, St. Vitus' Dance, by making pure blood they cure Rheumatism, Kidney Disease, Eczema and all skin troubles. They give strength to everyone, especially to women, who know why they need new blood more often than their husbands and brothers.



Mrs. Charlton was so weak with Anemia and Liver Complaint that she could only walk with great difficulty. Dr. Williams' Pink Pills cured her.

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PACIFIC MAIL STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

THE Departure of the S.S. "MONGOLIA" for San Francisco, via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, (Inland Sea), Yokohama, and Honolulu, is postponed to WEDNESDAY, the 8th instant, at Noon.

E. W. TILDEN,
Agent.

Hongkong, 1st February, 1905. [200]

HUMPHREYS ESTATE AND FINANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on and after this date interest at the rate of 8% per annum will be charged upon all Calls in respect of SHARES NOT FULLY PAID UP from the day appointed for Payment of such Calls, namely 31st January, 1905.

JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON,
General Managers.

Hongkong, 11th January, 1905. [122]

NOTICE.

THE HONGKONG AND CHINA GAS CO., LTD., beg to notify the Public that the PRICE OF GAS will be REDUCED from \$3.50 to \$3.00 per 1,000 cubic feet as from the 1st February, 1905.

GEORGE CURRY,
Local Secretary.

Hongkong, 1st February, 1905. [198]

HONGKONG ELECTRIC TRAMWAYS.

TIME TABLE.

January, 1905, and until further notice.

KENNEDY TOWN TO CAUSEWAY BAY. (Daily)
Kennedy Town to Causeway Bay... 7.30 A.M.
and every 5 minutes until... 11.00 P.M.
Causeway Bay to Kennedy Town... 6.50 A.M.
and every 5 minutes until... 10.30 P.M.KENNEDY TOWN TO RACE COURSE (Daily).
Kennedy Town to Race Course... 7.35 A.M.
and every 16 minutes until... 6.00 P.M.
Race Course to Kennedy Town... 6.55 A.M.
and every 16 minutes until... 6.40 P.M.CAUSEWAY BAY TO SHAUKIWAN (Daily).
Causeway Bay to Shauiwan... 7 A.M.
and every 18 minutes until... 10.18 P.M.
Shaukiwan to Causeway Bay... 7.35 A.M.
and every 18 minutes until... 10.54 P.M.WORKMEN'S CARS. (Daily Except Sunday).
Quarry Bay to No. 2 Police Station 6.55 A.M.
No. 2 Police Station to Quarry Bay 6 P.M.
Kennedy Town to Central Market 6.55 A.M.
Central Market to Kennedy Town 6 P.M.
Special tickets for School Children may be obtained on application to the General Manager. Price 100 Tickets \$5.

Special Cars may be arranged for on application to the General Manager.

Special Race Course cars leave the Hongkong Hotel (daily except Sundays) at 6.15, 6.45, and 8.15 A.M. returning from the Race Course at 8, 8.15, and 8.30 A.M. respectively.

J. GRAY SCOTT,
General Manager.

Hongkong, 20th January, 1905. [158]

WHY NOT THE BEST?

SEVEN GRAND PRIZES

AWARDED TO

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AT THE

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SHOW-ROOMS—1, WYNDHAM STREET.

Cash or Easy Monthly Payments.

Hongkong, 28th January, 1905. [48]

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(CAPE WEISMANN.)

THE place par excellence in Hongkong for Refreshments of all descriptions.

Facing the Post Office, Queen's Road, Central.

Everything of the best, prepared and served under entirely European Management.

See our Grand Christmas Display.

Cakes, Biscuits and Confectionery of all kinds made to customers' own order and design.

Send or Bring Your orders.

We guarantee satisfaction.

The Weissmann Most Up-to-date Café in the Orient.

Hongkong, 17th December, 1904. [46]

IMPORTANT NOTICE.

MR. RUTTONJEE begs to announce to his numerous customers that his Bakery in Kowloon being burnt down, he has hired another in a healthy part of the town, where BREAD will be baked and prepared under his usual personal supervision and thus ensuring, to his numerous patrons, the customary supply of the same wholesome Bread made of the finest flour and materials, that he has all throughout supplied.

Customers are kindly requested to send their orders as usual.

H. RUTTONJEE,
No. 5, D'Aguiar Street, Hongkong.
No. 37, Elgin Street, Kowloon.
Hongkong, 4th January, 1905. [58]

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Price \$1.50 per case of 48 bottles (quarts) or 6 doz. pints.

Special Prices for Quantities.

Sole Agents—

SIEMSEN & CO.

Hongkong, 10th January, 1905. [57]

Intimations.

HONGKONG HIGH-LEVEL TRAMWAYS COMPANY, LIMITED.

TIME TABLE.

WEEK DAYS.

7.00 a.m. to 7.30 a.m. ... Every 30 minutes.
7.30 a.m. to 8.00 a.m. ... Every 10 minutes.
8.00 a.m. to 8.30 a.m. ... Every 15 minutes.
8.30 a.m. to 9.00 a.m. ... Every 10 minutes.
9.00 a.m. to 9.30 a.m. ... Every 15 minutes.
9.30 a.m. to 10.00 a.m. ... Every 10 minutes.
10.00 a.m. to 10.30 a.m. ... Every 15 minutes.
10.30 a.m. to 11.00 a.m. ... Every 10 minutes.
11.00 a.m. to 11.30 a.m. ... Every 15 minutes.
11.30 a.m. to 12.00 p.m. ... Every 10 minutes.
12.00 p.m. to 12.30 p.m. ... Every 15 minutes.
12.30 p.m. to 1.00 p.m. ... Every 10 minutes.
1.00 p.m. to 1.30 p.m. ... Every 15 minutes.
1.30 p.m. to 2.00 p.m. ... Every 10 minutes.
2.00 p.m. to 2.30 p.m. ... Every 15 minutes.
2.30 p.m. to 3.00 p.m. ... Every 10 minutes.
3.00 p.m. to 3.30 p.m. ... Every 15 minutes.
3.30 p.m. to 4.00 p.m. ... Every 10 minutes.
4.00 p.m. to 4.30 p.m. ... Every 15 minutes.
4.30 p.m. to 5.00 p.m. ... Every 10 minutes.
5.00 p.m. to 5.30 p.m. ... Every 15 minutes.
5.30 p.m. to 6.00 p.m. ... Every 10 minutes.NIGHT CARS.
8.45 p.m. and 9 p.m., 9.45 p.m. to 11.15 p.m. every half hour.

SUNDAYS.

8.00 a.m. to 9.00 a.m. ... Every 15 minutes.
9.00 a.m. to 9.30 a.m. ... Every 30 minutes.
9.30 a.m. to 10.30 a.m. ... Every 15 minutes.
10.30 a.m. to 11.00 a.m. ... Every 10 minutes.
12.00 Noon to 1.00 p.m. ... Every 10 minutes.
1.00 p.m. to 5.00 p.m. ... Every 15 minutes.
5.00 p.m. to 6.00 p.m. ... Every 10 minutes.
6.00 p.m. to 7.00 p.m. ... Every 15 minutes.
7.00 p.m. to 8.00 p.m. ... Every 10 minutes.

NIGHT CARS as on Week Days.

SATURDAYS.

Extra cars at 11.30 and 11.45 p.m.

SPECIAL CARS by Arrangement at the Company's Office, ALEXANDRA BUILDINGS, Des Vaux Road Central.

JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON,
General Managers.

Hongkong, 29th December, 1904. [65]



THIS DWARF RAZOR has superseded the old fashioned clumsy Razor and by its use Shaving becomes a pleasure. It is manufactured Sheffield, England, from a special amalgam of steel which makes imitation impossible, and in consequence it enjoys the largest sale of any Razor in the World. Thousands of Testimonials testify that the little "MAB" is the finest shaving implement ever produced.

To be obtained from THE MUTUAL STORES, WATKINS, LIMITED, and all first-class stores in the Colony.

Sole Agents for Far East, HOWARD & Co., 29, Des Vaux Road, Central, Hongkong. Agents wanted in every port.

For particulars and terms, apply to—
HOWARD & Co.

Hongkong, 24th November, 1904. [61]

ESPECIAL OLD TOM GIN.

Marshall and Elvy's

Hongkong, 20th January, 1905. [158]

DOUBLY DISTILLED

AND OF

MATURED AGE.

TO BE OBTAINED FROM—

THE MUTUAL STORES,
Des Vaux Road.

Hongkong, 11th May, 1904. [53]

LEVY HERMANOS.

DIAMOND MERCHANTS, JEWELLERS AND WATCHMAKERS.

EASTMAN'S

KODAKS AND FILMS.

Sole Agents for "OMEGA" WATCHES.

"OMEGA" is the best, "THREE YEARS" guarantee given to every purchaser.

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TSIN TING.

LATEST METHODS OF DENTISTRY.

STUDIO AT NO. 14, D'AGUIAR STREET.

REASONABLE FEES.

Consultation Free.

Hongkong, 20th July, 1904. [66]

THE AMERICAN SYSTEM

OF

DENTISTRY.

M. H. CHAUN, D.D.S.,

37, DES VAUX ROAD CENTRAL, HONGKONG.

From the University of Pennsylvania, U.S.A.

Hongkong, 4th June, 1904. [67]

FURNITURE WAREHOUSE.

LI KWONG LOONG.

CABINET-MAKER AND ART DECORATOR.

from Shanghai, has opened a

FURNITURE STORE.

No. 45, DES VAUX ROAD CENTRAL.

The only Shop in Hongkong with this name.

WHERE HIGH-CLASS FURNITURE of every description can be made to order in any design required.

Has been patronised by the Hongkong Club, Hongkong Hotel, Messrs. A. S. Watson & Co., Ltd., Joint Telegraphs Co., and other leading Establishments in the Colony, to whom reference may be made, as to the superior Workmanship and Materials of the Furniture, &c., supplied.

Messrs. A. S. Watson & Co., Ltd. write as follows:—

"We have pleasure in stating that Mr. LI KWONG LOONG furnished the Annexes to our Dispensary and gave us every satisfaction."

(54.) A. S. WATSON & Co., Ltd.

ORDERS punctually attended to, and CHARGES most moderate.

AN INSPECTION INVITED.

Hongkong, 6th December, 1904. [60]

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YOU WANT PROVISIONS AND WINES IN 1905.

GET YOUR SUPPLIES

FROM

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(SUCCESSORS TO

A. CHAZALON & Co.

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G. GIRAULT)

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1841.

ALEXANDRA BUILDINGS.

EXTRACT:

"I HAVE TAKEN PLEASURE
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(WATSON'S CELEBRATED E.
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SCOTCH WHISKY I COULD
PROCURE."

A. S. WATSON & Co.,
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Hongkong, 13th January, 1905.

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WINE

AND

SPIRIT MERCHANTS,
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34, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL,

FIRST FLOOR,

(WM. POWELL & Co's old premises).

WHITE WINES.

	per case, quarts.
Graves	9.00
Graves Superieur	11.00
Sauternes	9.00
Sauternes Superieur	11.00
Chateau La Tour de l'ile	18.00
Chablis	18.00
Meursault	25.00
Montrachet	32.50

N.B.—All our Wines and Spirits are bottled at home, thereby ensuring to our Customers all the advantages accruing from bottling done at home under the direct supervision of the Growers and Distillers as compared to bottling done in China by Chinamen at the service of European Firms.

Hongkong, 10th December, 1904.

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NOTICE

All communications intended for publication in "The HONGKONG TELEGRAPH" should be addressed to The Editor, 1, Ice House Road, and should be accompanied by the Writer's Name and Address.

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The Hongkong Telegraph

HONGKONG, MONDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 1905.

HONGKONG'S FIRE TRAPS.

It is needless to dwell on the harrowing details of the fire which occurred recently in a native medicine shop in Hollywood Road, and which at present forms the subject of Magisterial investigation. What does require notice is that the fate of the eleven people who lost their lives, overwhelms hundreds of families in the densely populous quarters of Hongkong which have not yet been rebuilt. In his evidence before the Magistrate on Thursday last, the husband of one of the deceased said he was unable to find a way of escape from the burning building until a relative pulled down a partition between the premises and an adjoining house. There is not room for much doubt that if a blaze is fairly started at night in some of the older tenements of the Hollywood Road type, it is a certain moral impossibility for the whole of the occupants of the upper storeys to make their escape. Such premises are, of course, gradually disappearing, to have their place taken by buildings constructed under the new Public Health Bill, and under the strict supervision of our Government authorities. It will be a long time, however, before danger is overcome in this way by the efflux of time, and it should not be an impossibility to insist upon certain elementary safeguards in old property which is not yet destined to demolition. A fixed iron ladder from the top storey to the roof, and some provision whereby tenants on the second storeys can make good their escape to the floors above should represent the minimum of precaution, and landlords who fail to make this provision of their own accord should be placed within the reach of compulsory powers. The narrow staircase, seen in so many of our native houses, is a flue up which the warm air draws flames from a burning floor below to the storeys above, and down which it is impossible for pent up victims to get away from almost certain death.

CONCERNING CHUNCHUSES.

In the communication recently addressed by Russia to the Powers on the subject of the neutrality of China it is asserted that it has been ascertained many times: (a) that bands of Chunchuses, operating in neutral territory were commanded by Japanese officers; (b) that a whole detachment of these Chunchuses have been enrolled on instituted methods, and are in the pay of the Japanese Government; and (c) that Japanese military instructors are constantly making private agreements among the Chinese soldiers stationed along the northern boundaries. It was generally believed, at the outbreak of hostilities, that the Japanese would contrive to enlist the Chunchuses, the brigands of Manchuria, on their side, for the purpose of harassing the Russians, and cutting communications, in the style of the Boers in our South African war. In such an event the Russians would be fighting in a hostile country, a fact which could not fail to have considerable influence upon the course of events. Japan's reply to the Russian note emphatically denies the assertions, declaring that it has been repeatedly ascertained that these allegations are one and all wholly and absolutely without foundation, and that Russia cannot produce any evidence worthy of credence to support their so-called ascertained charges. If we recollect aright, it was Mr. Simpson, of the London Daily Telegraph, accompanied by an American officer, who declared that he had visited a Chunchuse chief, who informed him that there were ten thousand of them actively engaged under Japanese direction and for whom they were busily engaged collecting information. At the time distinct interest and importance was attached to the news, but the reply of Japan has clearly shown the contradictory character of some of the reports sent home, and goes a long way to emphasise the fact that, despite assertions to the contrary, the forces of the Mikado have been putting up a square fight in Manchuria during the past twelve months, and, one, moreover, that can survive the penetrating searchlight of adverse criticism.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

The German Mail of the 4th January, was delivered in London on the 2nd inst.

Dr. Friedrich Gröbe has been appointed assistant M.O.H. vice Dr. B. L. T. Barnett resigned.

The abolition of the Ikin stations in China awaits the conclusion of all the commercial treaties.

FINANCIAL returns for the period January 1st to 30th November, 1904, are printed in the Gazette.

SERGT.-MAJOR E. D. C. Wolfe has been promoted to the rank of lieutenant in the Hongkong Volunteer Corps.

GENERAL Nicholson, the British Attaché with the Japanese troops, left Yokohama on 3rd ult., homeward bound.

GREAT preparations are being made at Peking to save the capital from disaster from the eclipse of the moon on the 20th inst.

CAPT. G. J. B. Sayer, of the Hongkong Volunteer Corps, has been granted leave of absence from the 10th inst. to the 31st December next.

It is reported from Shanghai that two Japanese workmen have been killed in a riot among natives over their dislike to the new railway. Work on the line has been suspended.

THE football matches, played on the Happy Valley on Saturday afternoon, resulted as follows:—Naval Yard, 2; R. G. A., 1; Royal Engineer, 6; H.M.S. Albion, 0; H.M.S. Tamar, 3; A. O. C., 2.

On and after the 1st March the price of filtered water supplied to water boats at Lai Chi Kok for the use of the shipping will be at the rate of 25 cents per 1,000 gallons, or 56 cents per ton approximately.

READERS should not forget that "Pollard's Lilliputians" are appearing in a variety entertainment at the Theatre Royal to-morrow evening. They are able to remain for only one night as they leave on Wednesday for America.

THE death is announced, in Shanghai, from small-pox, of M. Max Collin. He was the manager of the Banque Sino-Belge, and "delegate of the Belgian Government to the Commission of the Chinese Debt," and was only 48 years old.

FOR snatching a gold ear-ring from a Chinese woman, at the Chinese New Year Fair, in Lionham Strand, on Friday night, a Chinaman was this morning sentenced by Mr. Gompertz, at the Magistracy, to six months' hard labour and six hours in the stocks.

A YOUNG Chinaman, son of a shopkeeper, a petty dealer, in Queen's Road, West, got up to some pranks for which parental chastisement was thought advisable, and as his father rushed at him to administer it, the youth cut off his queue, threw it in his father's face, and then fled!

THE Hongkong Philharmonic Society will give a concert in the Theatre Royal on Thursday the 16th inst. at 9 p.m. under the distinguished patronage of His Excellency the Governor. The programme will consist of orchestral pieces, vocal and instrumental solos, and the cantata "Revenge," performed by the choir and orchestra.

THE Government is prepared to lease for agricultural purposes, an area of reclaimable foreshore at a reasonable rental and without premium for 21 years to any person making arrangements with the scavenging contractor under which the city refuse will be deposited on the area so reclaimed, and building a wall to prevent the rubbish from being washed away.

EARLY on Saturday morning a false alarm of fire was given from No. 19 Wellington Street. The Fire Brigade did not turn out. It appears a number of lighted joss-sticks toppled over on to a pile of waste paper which quickly ignited and set a small table on fire, the flames from which scorched the window sash. However, the inmates secured some water and soon had the flames out. Damage \$10, uninsured.

IT is notified in the Gazette that where members of the public consider they have cause of complaint against the Post Office they are particularly requested to bring the matter to the notice of the Postmaster General. In the case of delay or misdelivery of letters it would be sufficient to forward the cover with a note of the exact time or place of delivery marked on it; if enclosed in an envelope no stamp will be required. In the absence of full details promptly supplied it is impossible to discover causes of complaint or to take steps to prevent them.

On Thursday last, at nine o'clock at night, a certain Chinaman, whose name for obvious reasons is withheld, was visited by a creditor who demanded immediate payment of his dues. He was told to come again "after the New Year." The creditor felt, but very soon after returned with his wife and children, and said he was going to camp right there, and "chow" at his debtor's expense, until the money was paid. The wily Chinaman, not at all non-plussed, said the family could do so if they liked, but told them that they took a grave risk as there were some serious cases of plague in the house, and invited his guests to come and see the patients. The creditor and his family, incontinently fled, and the debtor's house has since been "quarantined," so far as the creditor is concerned, and the former spent a peaceful, Happy New Year!

NAVAL NOTES.

Ships of the British fleet which came into port at noon on Saturday have been engaged in target practice during their stay at Mira Bay.

On Friday last H.M.S. *Vengeance* was inspected in drills and general evolutions by Rear-Admiral the Hon. A. G. Curzon-Howe, C.V.O., C.B., C.M.G., who pronounced himself well pleased with the efficiency of the ship's company. The battleship is to have her final inspection on the China Station at Hongkong at once, and on the 10th inst. will sail for Malta.

SHIPPING JATSAM.

The East Asiatic Co.'s steamer *Princess Maria* which is at Shanghai will carry away to Odessa over a thousand of the Russian soldiers and refugees that are quartered there. It is stated that the Company receive twenty-five thousand pounds for their transport.

The R. M. S. *Tartar*, which left Hongkong at noon on 25th ult., had perfectly smooth water, with some fog, the whole way to Woon-sung, where she arrived at 7.30 a.m. on the following Saturday, the fastest voyage this former Cape liner, now in her twenty-second year, has made on this coast.

Captain Grimes of the British s.s. *Seneca* reports:—"On the 29th January at 6.30 a.m. left Shanghai and passed a junk bottom up at 8.30 a.m. in Lat. 22.14 N. Long. 114.43 E., also another one about 2 miles to the south-west, both dangerous to navigation being in the track of vessels making Pedro Blanco Island."

TRAGEDY AT SHANGHAI.

The death occurred on the river on the 31st ult. under circumstances which undoubtedly indicate suicide, of William Gifford Fildes. According to the *M. C. D. News*, it appears that the deceased visited some friends on board the str. *Sihan* and left that vessel in a sampan. Soon after leaving, according to the report of the sampanman, the deceased shot himself through the forehead with a Smith and Weston revolver. Capt. Fildes was formerly an employee of Messrs. Butterfield and Swire, whose service he entered as second officer in February, 1893. He became chief officer in August, 1895, and became captain of the C. N. S. *Winchou* in September, 1900, resigning in February of the following year. Since that date Capt. Fildes has held several remunerative appointments and only lately, we understand, safely ran the blockade into Port Arthur.

COLLISION AT BANGKOK.

In the British Court for Siam, Tuan Sam Air by Nai Run, sued the Siam Steam Packet Co. for a sum of Tcs. 3,063, damages alleged to have been caused to the plaintiff by the neglect of the defendants' servants in navigating the steamer *Phet*. It was set forth that on Nov. 4th, 1904, at 7 p.m. at Wat Amphang Wan, near Anphong, while the s.s. *Hongkong*, belonging to the plaintiff, was coming down to Bangkok, the s.s. *Phet*, collided with her, with the result that the plaintiff's steamer *Hongkong* was damaged at the stern. The plaintiff did not appear as he was in the boat at the time of the collision, and has been ill ever since. The steersman and engineer of the *Hongkong* and one passenger gave evidence for the plaintiff, all alleging that their boat was carrying the proper lights and that the fault was entirely that of the *Phet*. For the defence the steersman of the *Phet* said the *Hongkong* was not showing any lights. The manager of the Packet Co. at Anphong, also gave evidence, and produced a map of the river. This showed that the place where the boat grounded was three-quarters of a mile from where the collision took place, while the other said it was only a matter of about four fathoms.

The Court examined the *Hongkong* moored in the river, and the case was adjourned.

THE FORTHCOMING REGATTA.

Under the provisions of section 3 of Ordinance No. 2 of 1869, the following regulations, having been approved by H. E. the Governor, will be observed on the 17th instant, being the day of the Hongkong Regatta:—

1. A red burgee will be hoisted at a staff on the judge's stand 5 minutes before the starting of a race, and will be kept flying until that race is finished.

2. During the time that this red burgee is flying, all boats, junks and launches are to keep outside the boundaries of the course, in order not to interfere with the competing boats.

3. The course will be from a line running N. 32° W. from two posts erected on the shore close to No. 2 Police Station, passing to the southward of the Prosperpine Rock Buoy and Kellert's Island, and finishing on a line running N. 32° W. from two posts erected on Causeway Bay Breakwater, to the flagship, which will be moored off Messrs. Fenwick's new works. Another direction post will be erected on the roadway skirting Causeway Bay. The course will be one mile long and 300 feet wide.

4. There will be a second course, parallel to the above, outside the Prosperpine Rocks and Kellert's Island.

5. No launches, other than the umpire's, will be permitted to follow the races.

An accident occurred on Saturday afternoon which may have serious, if not fatal, results. It appears that, arriving just as the Peak Tram car had started for the Peak, Gerald Courteney, clerk in the office of Messrs. Butterfield and Swire, made a rush to board the car, but though he caught the brass handle he could not secure a proper hold and fell down the nullah just outside the tramway station. He was picked up unconscious and removed to the Government Civil Hospital, where it was discovered by the doctor that his spine was seriously injured. Latest reports show him to be in a serious condition. This is believed to be a first accident of the kind that has ever happened on the line.

THE ACCUSATIONS AGAINST STOESSSEL.

FURTHER PARTICULARS.

[From Our Own Correspondent.]

Shanghai, 1st February.
In reference to the telegram I sent you this morning—Feb. 1—dealing with the charges brought against General Stoessel by his brother officers, it may be as well if I deal further with the subject and assure you that this is no idle rumour emanating from the fruitful imagination of the Bund, but on the contrary is the emphatic and oft-repeated assertion of the Admirals, Commanders, Captains and military officers that were through the entire siege of Port Arthur, and many of whom are now in Shanghai.

As a proof that this is no idle gossip, I would recall the statement made a week or two ago by Dr. Morrison, the London *Times* correspondent at Peking, in which he said that the circumstances connected with the surrender of Port Arthur made it one of the most dishonourable surrenders ever known in modern history. There was more behind those pregnant words than the ordinary reader observed. Later developments have revealed the hidden meaning of his writing.

The great difficulty that will arise at St. Petersburg, when his officers impeach their General before the court-martial—as they maintain they will—is the extreme difficulty there will be in proving the charge. Only the Japanese themselves, and perhaps one other Russian officer, could substantiate the accusation. As the Russian officers themselves admit, the evidence is only circumstantial, but to them, it is so overwhelming that it appears convincing. If this terrible charge is true, then a wave of the deepest and most profound regret will sweep over the entire civilized world that so great a reputation has been shattered and defiled.

It is impossible for one who has not the absolute confidence of the high Russian officers now staying here, to completely explain and relate the circumstantial evidence against General Stoessel. I can only give you a few of the points that they put before me.

The feeling against the General commenced nearly two months before the fall of the great fortress. His aloofness, his lack of interest, and his bombastic orders of the day, alienated him from his brother officers. The real work of defence was in the hands of a man whom the world does not know, but of whom his comrades speak with enthusiasm. Gradually the breach widened. There were no breaks of discipline, but the respect was gone. All in charge worked their utmost, yet no word of approbation came from the commander-in-chief.

On December 12, pourparlers were exchanged between Stoessel and Nogi. On the 14th Stoessel gave orders for his packing to be done. On the 16th he called a council of war to decide as to surrender. Twenty-three officers of the highest rank attended.

The matter was fully discussed, and it was proved that there were sufficient provisions and ammunition in the city to enable them to hold out for six weeks or two months at the least. It was put to the vote. Nineteen voted for 'No Surrender,' four voted 'Surrender.' The meeting then dissolved. The next day, to the utter surprise of all, Stoessel sent a letter to Admiral Wirren, announcing the surrender and giving him one night to destroy his fleet.

The order was obeyed, but as the officers say, their astonishment and their sorrow can be comprehended when one remembers that every day, even to the last, Stoessel's one cry had been, "We will never surrender, never!"

The following events all helped to convince the garrison they had been sold. There was the General's many private interviews with the Japanese General; his refusal to speak with his brother officers on any subject; his solitary journey—save for his wife and servants—to Nagasaki; his presence in Shanghai, where he was carefully guarded; and many other incidents, slight in themselves, but damning in combination.

It is said that the charges have already been formulated and telegraphed to the Tsar. Of this, the officers here speak reluctantly. They tell one to wait. Surveying the matter impartially, without any bias, unless it is bias in favour of the General, I cannot help but believe that the story told by the Admiral and officers has within it much truth.

KOWLOON PIGEON CLUB.

The show of pigeons, and incidentally any kind of cage birds, promoted by the Kowloon Pigeon Club, which opened at the Kowloon Hotel this afternoon is well worth seeing. There are some remarkably well-bred Pouters, Jacobins and Homers, the most of which were reared by Mr. J. D. Logan, who is a most enthusiastic pigeon fancier. Of birds not entered for the competition are some specially imported, and hardly bred homers, which rumour has it are destined very shortly to conduct a pigeon-post on behalf of the Imperial Chinese Customs Service, which will keep Hongkong in rapid communication with the Customs stations at Taishan and elsewhere in Chinese territory and embraced in the Kowloon district. This is certainly a very pretty idea, and if it proves successful, and there is no reason to doubt that it will, the system, we understand, is to be applied to other districts. Exigencies of time and space preclude our making a lengthened reference to the show in this issue, but we shall refer to it to-morrow.

ONE very good way of discovering whether a Hongkong and Shanghai Bank note is genuine is to notice the imprint at the bottom. This is printed on both sides and reads: Bradbury, Wilkinson and Co., Ltd., Engravers, London. Nine times out of ten the forgers get the names spelt wrongly on one side or the other, says the *Shanghai Mercury*.

TURF TOPICS.

Following were the times recorded this morning:—

Umbrian King, 1 mile, 31.
Empress of India, 1 mile, 39; 1.18, 1.51 1/5, 2.27 2/5, 3.03 1/5, 3.37.
Policy, 1 mile, 41 1/5, 1.27, 2.08 4/5, 2.47 1/5, 3.22, 3.55 4/5.
Rosy Morn Rosa, 1 mile, 41, 1.16 4/5, 1.51, 2.26, 3.01 1/5.
Invincible Rose 1 mile, High Frequency, joined 1 mile, 36, 1.10, 1.44, 2.16 4/5.
Astraea and Ocean, 1 mile, (?) 35, 1.10, 1.45.

Following are the times recorded on Saturday:—

Set, 1 mile, started while it was dark, last 1 mile, 2.35.
Patrimony, 1 mile, 36, 1.11, 1.49, 2.26, 3.00.
K. O. S. B., 1 mile, 39, 1.16, 1.54, (?) 3.04.
Highland Chief, 1 mile, (?) 40, 1.18, 1.59, 2.33, 3.06 1/5.
Pat, 1 mile, (?) 38, 1.16, 1.54, 2.30, 3.06.
Mick, 1 mile, 34, 1.10 1/5, 1.40 4/5, 2.22 1/5, 2.57.
Spirite, 1 mile, 37, 1.12, 1.46 2/5, 2.23, 2.59.
Squaler, 1 mile, (?) 37, 1.12 3/5, 1.48 1/5, 2.23.

Policy, first, and Astraea, second, 1 mile, 37, (?) 1.49, 2.23, 2.58 4/5.
Grand Llama, 1 mile, 41, 1.18, 1.56, 2.33, 3.04, 3.44.
Fife and Leadbury, 1 mile, 36, 1.12 1/5, 1.50, 2.27, 3.01 1/5.
Yellow Peril and Blue Elephant, 1 mile, 38 4/5, 1.12, 1.56, 2.30, Blue Elephant, 2.33.
Forward, 1 mile, last 1 mile, 1.11.
V. W. H. and Berkeley, 1 mile, 37, 1.13, 1.54 3/5, 2.28.
Phaps and Cake Walk, 1 mile, (?) 40, 1.18, 1.52.

Sport Royal and Highlander, 1 mile, (?) 40, 1.19, 1.54, 2.27 4/5.
Black Bird, 1 mile, 35, 2/5, 1.11 2/5, 1.51, 2.27, 3.01.

Hacken Schmidt, 1 mile, 40, 1.16, 1.51.
Prairie King first, and Jungle King second, 1 mile, 37 2/5, 1.15, 1.52 2/5, 2.29 2/5, 3.03.
Cebu first, and Nomination second, 1 mile, 39, 1.14 1/5, 1.49 2/5, 2.25.

Lanark first and The Duke second, 1 mile, 39, 1.15, 2.52, 2.27.

Black Monday, 1 mile, 37, 1.15, 1.53 4/5, 2.28 4/5.

The Professor, second, and The Loafer, first, 1 mile, 37, 1.13, 1.48 2/5, 2.24.

The Count, 1 mile, (?) 34 3/5, 1.12 2/5.

Gem Rose, Lamarque Rose and High Frequency, 1 mile, 34 1/5, 1.08 4/5, 1.44 1/5, 2.21, 2.59.

Phaps Not and Two Step, 1 mile, 34, 1.09.

Ca Canny, 1 mile, (?) 37, 1.15, 1.54, 2.27 1/5.

Somali, 1 mile, 41, 1.15, 1.50, 2.27 1/5, 3.03 1/5, 3.37.

Ard Patrick, first, and Zodiac, second, 1 mile, 37, 1.14, 1.48, 2.19 1/5.

Cotswold, first, and Polka, second, 1 mile, 38, 1.14, 1.54, 2.31 1/5, 3.06, 3.39.

Heythrop, and Croome, 1 mile, 40 3/5, 1.17, 1.53 1/5, 2.26 4/5.

Umbrian King, 1 mile, (?) 37, 1.15, 1.54, 2.28 3/5, 3.02.

Grafton, 1 mile, 39, 1.17 1/5, 1.54, 2.30, 3.04.

Coronet Rose, 1 mile, 36, 1.13, 1.48, 2.24, 2.58.

Marechal Niel Rose, 1 mile, (?) 35, 1.09, 1.41, total 2.18.

Empress of India Rose, 1 mile, 38, 1.13 2/5, 1.46 4/5, 2.21 2/5, 2.56 3/5.

Rare Rose, 1 mile, (?) 35, 1.15, 1.54, 2.25, 2.49, 3.00, 3.31, total 4.11.

La France Rose, 1 mile, 34, 1.07, 1.40, 2.13, 2.52, 3.28 4/5, total 4.05 4/5.

Halifax, 1 mile, (?) 37, 1.12, 1.48, 2.22 2/5, 2.57, 3.33.

Esquimalt, time missed.

Border Raider, 1 mile, last 1 mile, 36, 1.10, 1.41, 2.18.

Scottish King, 1 mile, 40, 1.18, 1.53, 2.28, 3.01, 3.35 4/5, 4.09.

Heather King, 1 mile, 37, 1.14, 1.50, 2.25 2/5, 2.57 2/5.

Norman King, 1 mile, (?) 37, 1.15, (?) 2.27, 2.58, total 3.38.

Saxon King, 1 mile, 39, 1.18, 1.57, 2.35 1/5, 3.06 3/5.

Algerine, 2, last 1 mile, 40, 1.21, 1.58, 2.37 1/5, 3.14 1/5, 3.49.

Galea, 1 mile, (?) 37, 1.15, 1.54, 2.22, 2.58.

Bean Cake, time missed.

Alladin, time missed.

Cascade, time missed.

Ching, time missed.

Fiscal, 1 mile, (?) 38, 1.18, 1.54, 2.26.

Invincible Rose reported galloped yesterday 1 mile, 32, 1.05

[Reuter's.]

Russian Reforms.

London, 2nd February.

It is officially announced that the Emperor, Empress Dowager, and Empress of Russia are sympathizing deeply with the families of those killed and wounded in the strike riots of the 22nd January, and that they have placed the sum of five thousand pounds sterling at the disposal of General Trepoff to assist those in need.

Later.

The *Telegraph's* St. Petersburg correspondent wires that as a result of an interview with M. Yermoloff, Minister for Agriculture, on Monday, and in consequence of the latter's earnest representations, the Tsar has signed an Ukase constituting a Russian Magna Charta: it directs M. de Witte as President of the Committee of Ministers, to further extend the reforms laid down in the Ukase of the 27th December 1904, and orders the people to be invited to co-operate with the government, leaving M. de Witte to determine the manner in which this is to be carried out: it commands the restoration of order throughout the Empire by peaceful methods, and pensions the orphans and cripples of the recent riots.

A council of Ministers afterwards discussed the new situation, M. de Witte throwing the whole weight of his influence on the popular side. The captives will be released to-day, and the Press freed. General Trepoff will be sent to Manchuria later, and a representative council created in a fortnight.

A CONTRADICTION.

It is officially stated in St. Petersburg that the Magna Charta report is incorrect: it was based on the following circumstances. A council of Ministers rejected a motion by M. de Witte to record its opinion regarding the incidents of the 22nd January, and to adopt measures to prevent a recurrence. M. de Witte, whose motion was minuted, thereupon submitted a memorandum to the Tsar who approved it. A council extraordinary was sitting on the 31st January to discuss the memorandum, when the question of an inquiry into the incidents of the 22nd January was considered, the Minister of Finance being empowered to prepare a scheme of social legislative reform with special reference to the labour question.

3rd February.

With reference to one section of the Tsar's Reform Ukase, the Committee of Ministers have decided to recommend a series of measures limiting individual initiative of Ministers with the Tsar, especially with regard to alterations and suspensions of laws, and increasing the control and initiative of the Senate in connection therewith, facilitating prosecutions of officials by private individuals for illegalities, establishing local courts in connection with the Senate, and educated juries where the loss of civil rights is involved.

The Baltic Squadron.

4th February.

Lloyd's Mauritius correspondent wires that the Russian Baltic squadron was still at Nossi Bé, Madagascar, on the 28th ultimo.

The War.

General Kurapatkin reports that the Japanese on the 1st instant, attacked Ajian-tankhenam on the left bank of the Hunho, and after a hot bombardment drove out the Russians: the latter on being reinforced recaptured the village.

The Supplementary Russian Squadron.

Admiral Butorovsky's squadron has left Jibutit for Madagascar: eighteen German colliers are following the squadron.

CORRESPONDENCE.

[We do not necessarily endorse the opinions expressed by Correspondents in this column.]

EXORBITANT CAR FARES.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "HONGKONG TELEGRAPH."

SIR,—It does seem unfair that on the very day when the average resident in Hongkong has an opportunity of taking a long ride on the tram car he should be charged double fares. And the curious thing is that when he is called upon to pay to cents for a 5 cents ride he is not handed a 10-cent ticket but a 5-cent one. It is quite true that at home there are occasions when double fares are charged, but the payer gets a ticket showing the amount he has paid. However, it cannot be argued that because increased expenses may have had to be incurred by the Tramway Company it was necessary to double the fares; for the simple reason that the immense traffic done by the cars yesterday would easily cover expenses and leave a good bit over, or I'm a Dutchman. I suppose it is useless to appeal to a private corporation to consider the public's purse in a matter of this kind, and doubtless an extra to cents here or there does not matter to the average individual, but I think this growl will not be unsupported by a good many people in Hongkong who took the cars yesterday.—I am, etc.,

HOUSEHOLDER.

Hongkong, 6th February.
[No doubt a mistake has been made somewhere, and if "Householder" could state the number of the car in which he was travelling when called upon to pay excess fare the Company would be able to look into the matter.—Ed., H.K.T.]

BOXING AT THE CITY HALL.

The boxing display at the Theatre Royal on Saturday night was from many points of view a great success. Unfortunately, however, in Hongkong, at these functions, it seems impossible to maintain order, and cat-calls and vulgar expressions of dissatisfaction were too plentifully frequent. The auditorium, above and below, was crowded to its utmost capacity, whilst the majority of the seats upon the stage, where the ring was staked, were occupied. The greater part of the spectators were service men, come to see two of their number, Roberts and King, both of the 2nd Royal West Kent's, do battle with men of proved merit, Sam Newman, and Christie, who so far has not met his match in the colony.

AN UNPOPULAR DECISION.

After a brief bout between a couple of youngsters (three rounds of two minutes each) which calls for no mention, Newman and Roberts entered the ring in a ten-round contest of three minutes each round. Both men stripped in the pink of condition, and there was no apparent advantage in weight or reach. Each opened cautiously, and showed fine defensive tactics. In the second round, however, they warmed to their work, and some very heavy body work was put in by either, while Newman got his nose skinned as the result of a well directed blow from his opponent's left. In the third and fourth rounds, there was far too much clinching, and the cry of "break away" heard far too often. Cries of foul went up from the military element, and the referee, Mr. B. W. Waters made several frantic appeals to the interrupters to keep order. The cries were directed against Newman, but so far as we could see they were not in any way justified. The fifth round produced nothing startling; but in the next round Newman had much the better of the encounter. At length another cry of foul was raised for striking in a clinch, and the referee stopped the fight, disqualified Newman, and awarded the victory to Roberts. The decision was received with cheers, and counter cheers, with much hooting and cries of derision. Newman and his second loudly protested against the verdict, and offered to fight his man over again, at any time, for a stake. The referee's decision was undoubtedly wrong, and our opinion is shared by all impartial observers. It was most unfortunate, inasmuch as it brought to a close what promised to be a highly interesting encounter, as both men were "going for it," and each had a proper knowledge of his business.

A LITTLE MERRIMENT.

Then followed a merry little entertainment, Marriott and Sutcliffe, light-weights of H.M.S. *Tamar*, engaging in a six-round bout of a couple of minutes each round. The "men" were willing, if the pace was killing, fairly describes this item. The men went for each other hammer and tongs, Marriott creating much laughter by his furious antics, and wind-mill-like blows. Mr. Manser, of H.M.S. *Vengeance*, refereed and gave the verdict to Marriott, who, if he has no particular science, has plenty of life and agility, and the bout did much to restore the tranquility of the spectators, and prepare them for the event of the evening.

CHRISTIE V. KING.

This was a fifteen-round contest of three minutes each, King being described as the middle-weight champion of the Regiment. He certainly entered the ring in fine fettle, his muscular development being much admired. Christie was likewise in good fettle, whilst his previous record in the ring here is too well-known to require comment. Mr. J. Burke was in this event appointed referee. Mr. J. D. Logan once more appearing in his familiar role of time keeper. The first round witnessed some very pretty ornamental sparring, until just on time, Christie rushed in and floored the soldier. The succeeding rounds saw Christie persistently forcing the game, and although King was as cool and calm as a man could be he was kept mainly on the defensive, and very rarely opened out. It was obvious that he is a good man, but inexperienced, and consequently lacking the confidence which is such a feature of Christie's play. Not, however, that he was altogether idle, for he frequently rained in some good blows, but they were ineffective. Whilst Christie was carrying the fight all the time into his camp, the soldier stood on guard preparing for a chance with his left, but that chance did not come, and on points Christie had him beaten all round the ring. Up to the end of the tenth round King had really done nothing worthy of note, but in the eleventh round he punished Christie somewhat severely, but afterwards he lapsed into his old attitude of "Come on! Hit me first," and the concluding rounds were somewhat tame. At the close of the fifteenth round, Mr. Burke declared Christie the winner on points as he unquestionably was.

Barring the little contretemps above referred to, the entertainment may safely be described as quite the best boxing turn-out we have had in Hongkong for many a day. We expect to hear of King again, and in less experienced company he may be counted upon to give a good exhibition of the noble art.

CHINESE ENGINEERING CO.

A London telegram dated the 29th January sent by Chang Yen-mao to Tautai Shen Tung-ho says that the litigation regarding the properties of the Kaiping coal mines is now proceeding in the British Court and several witnesses have been held for taking evidence and cross-examination, and that there is hope that the plaintiff will get justice and that the judgment will be given in the beginning of the China New Year, and that the full proceedings when translated will be sent to Shanghai, and that the message be published for Chinese shareholders.—*Sinwampoa*.

INTERPORT CRICKET.

WIN FOR HONGKONG.

Mr. A. R. Lowe, secretary of the H.K.C.C., informs us that the result of the match at Swatow on Saturday was as follows:—

Swatow 1st innings, 30.

Hongkong 1st innings, 122. (Walter Dixon 33).

Swatow 2nd innings, 26.

The Hongkong C. C. Interport "A" team therefore won by an innings and 66 runs. Immediately the result was known Mr. E. W. Mitchell (President) sent a congratulatory wire on behalf of the Cricket Club. In all probability a return match was played to-day.

A CHINESE NEW YEAR.

Accustomed as we are to the Chinese way of celebrating the only day in the year when every member of that community, high and low, takes a pause from the worries of business and hard toil, the following somewhat exaggerated account, contributed by Mr. Hugh Clifford to the columns of a home journal, will be read with amusing interest:—

Ah Ting, the head boy of my household, blandest and most imperturbable of servants, most superior and inexorable of masters, the most solemn member of a solemn race, stands at my elbow with a face on him like the Dead March in "Saul."

"Master," he says, "to-morrow being the New Year's Day of the Chinese people, I pray that thou wilt neither strike nor abuse me, nor any member of the household."

"Do I ever beat or abuse any of you?" I ask, for this form of Oriental hyperbole offends me.

"No; but to-morrow being the great day, bad luck will be the portion of anyone who is the victim of blows or pungent words, and that ill luck will endure for twelve months. Wherefore, I pray thee . . . and once more he recites the formula. I cut him short with a promise, and he removes himself, with flat-footed dignity, to the servants' quarters at the rear of the bungalow.

I am left to my work, somewhat ruffled in my feelings, for I pride myself upon always treating my people as human beings should be treated, and it is galling to me to be asked not to employ methods of which I disapprove on principle. Ah Ting, however, is no waster of words. He knows what he is about. The nerves of the "Red-headed Foreign Devils," whom he and his Hai-Lam fellows serve and rule, are tricky, incomprehensible, unhandy things. Even after years of experience, of study of them, a human being (for to Ah Ting and his comrades Chinese alone are altogether human) does not know quite where to have them. One may run right up against them, come into violent collision with them, without reason and at unsuspected moments. They are inconsequent, becoming acutely irritated without cause, and since their untoward exacerbation on New Year's Day will be fraught with fearful results, it is only fair to warn the Devil of the House that he owes it to his superiors to maintain his calm unruffled upon this occasion. Also Ah Ting, who is something of an observer, has noticed in the past as a fact, at once explicable and undeniable, that the Chinese New Year is apt to have a peculiar effect upon the temper of the Red-Headed Ones. This, he thinks, is probably due to the sheer perversity of their semi-human nature, and, though he may pity it, it cannot win his approval. It is his business, therefore, as the head of the household, to take such precautions as may suggest themselves to his prudence.

The incident passes from my memory, and I go to bed, after an unusually heavy day's work, dog-tired and aching for sound sleep. I am troubled with dreams. I fancy that I am steaming down the Straits of Sunda, when suddenly I find myself sitting on the top of Krakatoa while that redoubtable island-mountain is shaken to its base by the throes of volcanic eruption. I spring into wakefulness and a sitting attitude, looking wildly around me in the full expectation of finding portions of myself scattered broadcast about my bedroom, and as complete consciousness returns to me I perceive that I am being deafened by a tremendous fusillade. My hand grips the revolver which, in this land of open doors, always lies handy to my pillow on night-times, and through my mind there flash half a dozen fearful explanations of the noise. The Sikh police have mutinied and are shooting down the general public; the station is being raided from across the border; the Chinese miners have risen in insurrection; and, finally, the true meaning of the tumult dawns upon me—some devil is firing off a hundredweight of crackers within a few yards of my pillow! That is it—crackers, crackers by the dozen, by the score, by the hundred! I can hear the little angry, spiteful detonations singly and in chorus; in imagination I can see the small square cakes of them leaping up from the ground again and again in a frenzy of explosions; and as the deadly nature of the outrage which has broken up my slumbers becomes clear to me, I leap out of bed, snorting with wrath like the war-horse that is said to cry, in most unequine language, "Ha! Ha!" to the trumps. It is borne in upon me as a necessity that someone must suffer death—death by slow torture, if possible, but death at any cost; and then of a sudden Ah Ting's warning recurs to me, and I sneak back to my pillows. If I followed my inclinations I should bring devastating ill-fortune and unspeakable calamity upon the entire Chinese race not for a single year—the year whose birth has been announced with such hideous clamour—but for all time. But my principles, to my credit be it recorded, rise superior to my impulses, and also something of the enduring patience bred by half a lifetime spent among Orientals comes to my aid. I return to bed; fortifying myself with the recollection that long-suffering is ranked by the Ancient Church as one

of the Twelve Fruits of the Holy Ghost. I can feel that I am piling up merit—mountains of merit; but even that reflection does not keep me from tossing restlessly upon my bed and swearing bitterly to myself during the rest of that interminable night. Fifty times there is a lull in the cannonade, and by this I am lured to the confines of sleep, only to be rudely ejected into utter wakefulness by a fresh explosion, fired apparently from mines laid just under my mattress. Experience tells me that these are the internal machines called "Chinese bombs" by the initiated; to me, in my waking nightmare, they seem to resemble nothing so much as the final reveille of the Judgment Day sounded, not on a trumpet, but on a big drum. At intervals outbursts of cracker shots break the surprised silence into fragments and now and again there comes from the rear of the bungalow the nerve-sawing twang of a Chinese lute wedded to a strident falsetto, song screamed through the nose.

Dawn finds me spent and haggard, compact of jangled nerves and outraged organs, for my sense of smell, as well as my sense of hearing, has been called upon to bear insupportable things. I crawl to the edge of my verandah aching with fatigue, and stand looking out at the new, glad sunshine of the tropic morning with profound despondency. My eyes are sore, and they seem to creak audibly in their sockets; my head is dizzy; the tongue in my mouth is like red-hot fire-iron, which yet is reminiscent of burned india-rubber. As I lean heavily upon the verandah-rail, a stately procession enters my compound. It is composed of the Chinese servants of the neighbourhood, dressed gorgeously in silks and satins, fanning themselves elaborately with little paper fans, and contriving to be more mincingly genteel than a tenth-rate suburban drawing room. They comport themselves in a manner wholly different from that which is their ordinary habit, and they look and act like a pack of animated china dolls. My dog, who shares his master's sentiments, flies at them, and they break into spluttering cries, like nothing so much as the twittering of frightened birds, and then fall headlong over one another in panic-driven flight. Ah Ting comes to their rescue, and, welcoming them with wretched smiles and profound bows, he leads them to the back of the bungalow. I follow round the verandah and find that the servants' quarters are decked by long scrolls of a violent orange hue, which I suspect to be familiar invocations to all the devils in hell. The little court in front of the quarters is already packed with visitors, all stately, all clad gorgeously, all seated on tiny wooden stools, all drinking tea—my tea—with great anciently and formality. They sit in a hollow square, and their only conversation consist of compliments of a similar character. Ah Ting is holding an "At Home," which concludes with certain heathen rites, and as much noise as twenty human voices and the fring of crackers and bombs will produce. These ceremonies enacted, Ah Ting and his fellows sally forth in their turn to pay similar calls upon their friends, and for that day their work knows them no more than they can help.

Later in the day I seek to ease my pain by a ride, thinking that it will at any rate carry me away from the unspeakable inferno into which my compound has been turned. I have to pass through the town, and at the first corner my mare shies half across the road at a dragon 60ft. in length, which writhes down the street in hot pursuit of a large silver ball. The dragon's legs are clad in the coarse blue linen of the Chinese coolie. At the end of the street I come upon an altar barring my way, upon which idols sit grinning horribly at an immense glazed pig. As I reach this point the inhabitants of the shops on either hand rush forth in frenzied crowds and firing handfuls of smoking cracker-cases under my mare's hoofs. A second later these exploded in front of me, behind me, below me, and on either hand, and the mad, excited mare bolts for her life through the smoke and stench and tumult, while I cling to her back as best I may. Long custom prevailing even in her excessive terror, she heads for the club, and, as we go, more and more crackers are cast at and around us, the men and women who throw them yelling their appreciation of my obvious discomfiture, while the little children run out into the road clapping their hands and deriding my peril with horrid laughter.

At the club, where I arrive drenched with perspiration, I find myself in need of a peg, and round the bar I discover an indignation meeting gathered, the centre of which is Jones, his face pallid, and bleeding through long strips of sticking-plaster. I am told that he has just been thrown from his dog-cart, and that he is the seventh victim that day. We abuse the Government loudly, declaring that it is not fitting that a Christian British Colony should be turned into a playground for all the devils of China for one day in each year. We are collectively exceedingly furious, and are profoundly convinced that something "ought to be done." Individually we know ourselves to be impotent, and are aware that we shall continue to endure the unendurable as best we may so often as the Chinese New Year comes round. Then we send our horses home in charge of their syces, meditate upon the scathing letters which we will presently address to the local rags; and determine to spend the rest of the evening at the club, since our homes have for the nonce been rendered uninhabitable. As I go homeward on foot, during the small hours of the morning, when the Chinese population has been at last into the sleep of utter exhaustion, I usefully calculate how many dollars the evening has cost me in losses at poker, and whether there will be any tea left for my early morning breakfast on the morrow. Also, as I reflect upon what I have endured, like Clive, I stand astonished at my own moderation, and it dawns upon me that Ah Ting had reason on his side when he warned me with so much solemnity against the sin of scourging or anathematizing his countrymen upon the first day of their New Year.

HONGKONG VOLUNTEER INSPECTION.

An inspection of the Hongkong Volunteer Corps took place on Saturday, by Major-General F. G. Slade, H.M.'s Inspector of the Royal Garrison Artillery. About a hundred and thirty members of the Corps assembled at Headquarters, under the command of Majors Pritchard and Chapman, and at a quarter past ten embarked at Murray Pier for Lyceum, stopping at Quarry Bay to pick up a few units. The party arrived at the scene of the inspection about eleven o'clock and at once proceeded to get the guns into position. There were three targets on the hill for the fifteen pounders at a range of about three thousand yards, while a similar number of targets were placed on a small hill to the right for Maxim practice. No actual shooting was made until after tiffin, when everything was in readiness and all eagerly awaiting the arrival of the General. It seemed, however, that he had decided to inspect the North Fort first, and the unfortunate volunteers were kept waiting until after four o'clock before he put in an appearance, accompanied by his aide-de-camp, Captain Hall. When he did arrive, however, a heavy mist all but obscured the targets, and the shooting that was done, was not very accurate or satisfactory in consequence. The General afterwards inspected the men and guns, but did not make a speech. It was after half-past seven before the volunteers returned home, opinions being divided as to whether they had had a profitable time or not.

MASONIC QUADRILLE CLUB'S

MONTHLY DANCE.

The Masonic Hall, Zetland Street, presented once again a gay and lively appearance on Friday night last, the occasion being the fourth of the very popular series of dances given under the auspices of the Masonic Quadrille Club. There were over one hundred couples present at one time, and dancing was kept up with great spirit until a very late, or rather early, hour on Saturday morning, arrangements having been made for special late ferries for the convenience of guests from Kowloon. The arrangements were excellent, and the floor, one of the best in the colony, under the care of Mr. J. Vanstone, was in the pink of perfection for dancing purposes, while the music seemed to have a mesmeric effect upon the feet of the "trippers on the light fantastic toe." From a climatic point of view, it was an ideal night for such a function, as the dancers were able to keep going without getting unpleasantly warm. These dances are growing in popularity, and already the next is being eagerly looked forward to.

COMMERCIAL.

Advices dated from Shanghai, 1st inst, state: Business reported:—Shanghai and Hongkong Wharfs "New" at Tls. 133. Maatschappij at Tls. 25 for March and Tls. 290 for April. Centrals "New" at \$6.50. Astors at \$7. Gas at Tls. 105.

Business done direct:—Maatschappij at Tls. 277½ cash, at Tls. 285 for March. Moutries at Tls. 55.

It is proposed, from the 1st April next, to debar the Assistant Public Prosecutors in Bangkok, of whom there are nine (Siamese), from private practice in civil cases. This they are allowed at present.

To-day's Advertisements.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

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Hongkong, 6th February, 1905. [215]

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM CALCUTTA, PENANG AND SINGAPORE.

THE Steamship

"GREGORY APCAR."

having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods will be delivered from alongside.

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Consignees of Cargo from SINGAPORE and PENANG are requested to take IMMEDIATE DELIVERY of their Goods from alongside, such Cargo impeding the discharge of the vessel will be landed and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by the Undersigned.

DAVID SASSOON & Co., LIMITED, Agents.

Hongkong, 6th February, 1905. [216]

To-day's Advertisements.

NOTICE TO MARINERS.

MARINERS are hereby warned that an extra good look out should be kept and Light, be shown brightly burning during the nights of 7th and 8th instant, as H.M. Ships will probably be MANEUVRING WITHOUT LIGHTS on these dates.

L. BARNES-LAWRENCE,

Captain, R.N.,

Harbour Master, &c.

Harbour Department, Hongkong, 6th February, 1905. [214]

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

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L. BRIDOU,

Acting Agent.

Hongkong, 6th February, 1905. [17]

S.S. "CALEDONNIEN."

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo from London, ex s.s. *Cordouan*, in connection with above Steamer, are hereby informed that their Goods, with the exception of Opium, Treasure and Valuables are being landed and stored at their risk into the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Limited, at Kowloon, whence delivery may be obtained immediately after landing.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded on unless intimation is received from the Consignees before 5 P.M., TO-DAY, requesting it to be landed here.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by the Undersigned, Goods remaining unclaimed after MONDAY, the 13th February, at Noon, will be subject to rent and landing charges.

All claims must be sent in to me on or before the 13th February, or they will not be recognised.

All damaged packages will be examined on MONDAY, the 13th February, at 3 P.M.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

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Hongkong, 6th February, 1905. [17]

Intimations.

AN APPEAL.

THE SUPERIORESS of the ITALIAN CONVENT, CAINE ROAD, begs most respectfully to APPEAL to the Residents of Hongkong and the Coast Ports, for their kind patronage and support, and desires to state that she will be pleased to receive orders for all kinds of NEEDLE WORK.

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Hongkong, 22nd April, 1902.

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OUTWARDS.

FROM	STEAMERS	DUE
GLASGOW AND LIVERPOOL	"PATROCLUS"	7th February.
GLASGOW AND LIVERPOOL	"ACHILLES"	21st February.
GLASGOW AND LIVERPOOL	"ANTENOR"	25th February.
GLASGOW AND LIVERPOOL	"OOPACK"	27th February.
GLASGOW AND LIVERPOOL	"PINGSUEY"	3rd March.
GLASGOW AND LIVERPOOL	"ULYSSES"	7th March.

S.S. "PATROCLUS," from U. K., left Singapore on the 1st inst., and is due here at daylight on the 7th.

HOMEWARDS.

FOR	STEAMERS	TO SAIL
AMSTERDAM, LONDON & ANTWERP	"GLAUCUS"	14th February.
* GENOA, MARSEILLES & L'POOL	"AJAX"	20th February.
AMSTERDAM, LONDON & ANTWERP	"IDOMENEUS"	28th February.
AMSTERDAM, LONDON & ANTWERP	"STENTOR"	14th March.
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MANILA	"KAN SU"	13th "
CEBU AND ILOILO	"TSINAN"	14th "
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Hongkong, 2nd September, 1904.

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On Sundays, passengers desiring to have a Private Cabin which has accommodation for two or more passengers, will be charged \$3 extra.

First Class Passengers, who do not care to return on the Excursion Sunday, will be allowed to do so the following day (Monday) on production of the Return Half Ticket. Should the Steamer not run on the Monday owing to the Boiler cleaning, due notice will be given by the Captain, and the Half Ticket will be available for the following day.

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FOR AMOY, STRAITS AND RANGOON.

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JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, 6th February, 1905.

FOR SHANGHAI, YOKOHAMA AND
KOBE.

THE Steamship

"RHENANIA."

Captain Behrens, will be despatched for the above Ports, TO-MORROW, the 7th February, at 5 P.M.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE,
Hongkong Office.

Hongkong, 6th February, 1905.

EASTERN AND AUSTRALIAN STEAM-
SHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SYDNEY AND MELBOURNE,
(Calling at Timor, Port Darwin and Queens-
land Ports, and taking through Cargo
to Adelaide, New Zealand,
Tasmania, &c.)

THE Steamship

"EMPIRE."

Captain Helms, will be despatched as above on WEDNESDAY, the 8th February, at Noon. This well-known Steamer is specially fitted for Passengers, and has a Refrigerating Chamber, which ensures the supply of Fresh Provisions, Ice, etc., throughout the voyage.

This Steamer is installed throughout with the Electric Light.

A Stewardess and a duly qualified Surgeon are carried.

N.B.—To assure the additional comfort of passengers the steamers of the Company have electric fans fitted in staterooms.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, 14th January, 1905.

INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION
COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SINGAPORE, PENANG AND
CALCUTTA.

THE Company's Steamship

"KUMSANG."

Captain E. J. Buller, will be despatched as above, on THURSDAY, the 9th February, at 3 P.M., instead of as previously advertised.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,
General Managers.

Hongkong, 31st January, 1905.

Consignees.

"MOGUL" LINE OF STEAMERS.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

"THE S.S. "MACDUFF,"

FROM GLASGOW AND LIVERPOOL.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo are hereby informed that all Goods are being landed at their risk into the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, Ltd., at Kowloon, whence and/or from the wharves delivery may be obtained.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 5th February will be subject to rent.

All Claims against the Steamer must be presented to the Undersigned on or before the 8th February, or they will not be recognized.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 6th February, at 3 P.M.

No Fire Insurance has been effected. Bills of Lading will be countersigned by

DODWELL & Co., LIMITED,
Agents.

Hongkong, 2nd February, 1905.

NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD, BREMEN.

IMPERIAL GERMAN MAIL LINE.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

THE Steamship

"SACHSEN."

of the NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD, having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods, with the exception of Opium, Treasure and Valuables, are being landed and stored at their risk into the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, Limited, whence delivery may be obtained.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded unless notice to the contrary be given before 2 P.M., THIS AFTERNOON.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 9th instant will be subject to rent.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on THURSDAY, the 9th instant, at 9.30 A.M.

No Fire Insurance will be effected. Bills of Lading will be countersigned by the Undersigned.

NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD,
MELCHERS & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, 2nd February, 1905.

Consignees.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

"GLEN" LINE OF STEAMERS.

FROM ANTWERP, MIDDLESBRO,
LONDON AND STRAITS.

THE Steamship

"GLENFARG."

having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo by her are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed at their risk into the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, Limited, at Kowloon, where each consignment will be sorted out mark by mark, and delivery can be obtained as soon as the Goods are landed.

Goods not cleared by the 10th instant will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance will be effected. All damaged packages must be left in the Godowns, and a certificate of the damage obtained from the Godown Company within ten days after the steamer's arrival, after which no claims will be recognised.

MCGREGOR BROS. & GOW.

Hongkong, 3rd February, 1905.

FROM HAMBURG, PENANG AND
SINGAPORE.

THE H. A. L. Steamship

"RHENANIA."

Captain Behrens, having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby requested to send in their Bills of Lading for countersignature by the Undersigned and to take immediate delivery of their goods from alongside.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded unless notice to the contrary be given before TO-DAY.

Any Cargo impeding her discharge will be landed into the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Limited, and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 9th instant will be subject to rent.

All broken, chafed and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 9th instant at 3 P.M.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE,
Hongkong Office.

Hongkong, 2nd February, 1905.

FROM BREMEN, HAMBURG, PENANG
AND SINGAPORE.

THE H. A. L. Steamship

"SAMBIA."

Captain Luning, having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby requested to send in their Bills of Lading for countersignature by the Undersigned and to take immediate delivery of their goods from alongside.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded unless notice to the contrary be given before TO-DAY.

Any Cargo impeding her discharge will be landed into the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Limited, and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 9th February will be subject to rent.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 9th February, at 3 P.M.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE,
Hongkong Office.

Hongkong, 2nd February, 1905.

BRITISH INDIA STEAM NAVIGATION
COMPANY, LIMITED.

FROM RANGOON AND STRAITS.

THE Company's Steamship

"PENTAKOTA."

having arrived from the above Ports,

Mails.

MESSAGERIES MARITIMES

FRENCH MAIL STEAMERS.



STEAM FOR SAIGON, SINGAPORE, BATAVIA, COLOMBO, ADEN, EGYPT, MARSEILLES, LONDON, HAVRE, BORDEAUX, MEDITERRANEAN AND BLACK SEA PORTS.

The S.S. "ERNEST SIMONS."

Captain Bourdon, will be despatched for MARSEILLES TO-MORROW, the 7th February, at 1 P.M.

Passage tickets and through Bills of Lading issued for above ports.

Cargo also booked for principal places in Europe.

Next sailings will be as follows:—

S.S. POLYNESIE 21st February.
S.S. CALEDONIE 7th March.
S.S. OCEANIE 21st March.

L. BRIDOU,
Acting Agent.

Hongkong, 6th February, 1905. [7]



THE PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

STEAM FOR STRAITS, CEYLON, AUSTRALIA, INDIA, ADEN, EGYPT, MEDITERRANEAN PORTS, PLYMOUTH AND LONDON.

(Through Bills of Lading issued for BATAVIA, PERSIAN GULF, CONTINENTAL, AMERICAN AND SOUTH AFRICAN PORTS.)

T. H. E. Steamship

"SIMLA."

Captain F. R. Summers, carrying His Majesty's Mails, will be despatched from this for BOMBAY, on SATURDAY, the 11th February, at Noon, taking Passengers and Cargo for the above Ports in connection with the Company's S.S. *Britannia*, 6,525 tons, from Colombo, Passengers accommodation in which vessel is secured before departure from Hongkong.

Silk and Valuables, all Cargo for France, and Tea for London (under arrangement) will be transhipped at Colombo into the Mail steamer proceeding direct to Marseilles and London; other Cargo for London, &c., will be conveyed from Bombay by the R.M.S. *Macedonia*, due in London on the 25th March, 1905. Parcels will be received at this Office until 4 P.M. the day before sailing. The Contents and Value of all Packages are required.

For further Particulars, apply to
E. A. HEWETT,
Superintendent,
Hongkong, 30th January, 1905. [2]

NORTHERN PACIFIC LINE.

BOSTON STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

BOSTON TOW-BOAT COMPANY.

Connecting at Tacoma with
NORTHERN PACIFIC RAILWAY
COMPANY.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG FOR VICTORIA, B.C., AND TACOMA, VIA

MOJI, KOBE AND YOKOHAMA.

Steamers.	Tons.	Captains.	Sailing.
<i>Hyades</i>	3,753	Geo. Wright	Ab. Feb. 15
<i>Pleides</i>	3,753	F. G. Purinton	Mar. 15
<i>Shawmut</i>	9,606	W. M. Smith	" 24
<i>Lyra</i>	4,417	G. V. Williams	" "

† Cargo only.

Steamers marked (*) have no second-class passenger accommodation.

FOR MANILA.

The largest, steadiest, and most comfortable steamer for Manila.

Shawmut..... 9,606 W. M. Smith..... Ab. Mar. 14
Tremont..... 9,606 T. W. Garlick..... " April 14

CHEAP FARES, EXCELLENT ACCOMMODATION, ATTENDANCE AND COUSINE, ELECTRIC LIGHT, DOCTOR AND STEWARDRESS.

The twin-screw s.s. *Shawmut* and *Tremont* have just been fitted with very superior accommodation for first and second class passengers. The large size of these vessels ensures steadiness at sea. Electric fan in each room. Barber's shop and steam-laundry. Cargo carried in cold storage.

For further information, apply to

DODWELL & CO., LIMITED,
General Agents.

Queen's Buildings,
Hongkong, 3rd February, 1905. [8]

NOTICE OF REMOVAL.

A FOOK & Co.,
SHIP AND HOUSE COMPRADORES,
have this day
MOVED
TO

No. 12, POTTINGER STREET,
(opposite their old establishment).
Hongkong, 24th November, 1904. [62]

For Sale.

FOR SALE OR TO LET,
AT THE PEAK.

Nos. 2 AND 3, GOUGH HILL.

AN ELEVEN-ROOMED HOUSE with Dressing, Drying and Bath-room partly furnished; distant thirteen minutes by chair from the Tram; fitted with superior baths and with hot and cold water; large Kitchen; Laundry and Servants' Quarters. Can be used as one dwelling or divided into two.

For Particulars and Terms, apply to—

SHEWAN, TOMES & Co.

Hongkong, 30th December, 1904. [1398]

GREEN ISLAND CEMENT COMPANY, LIMITED.

PORTLAND CEMENT.

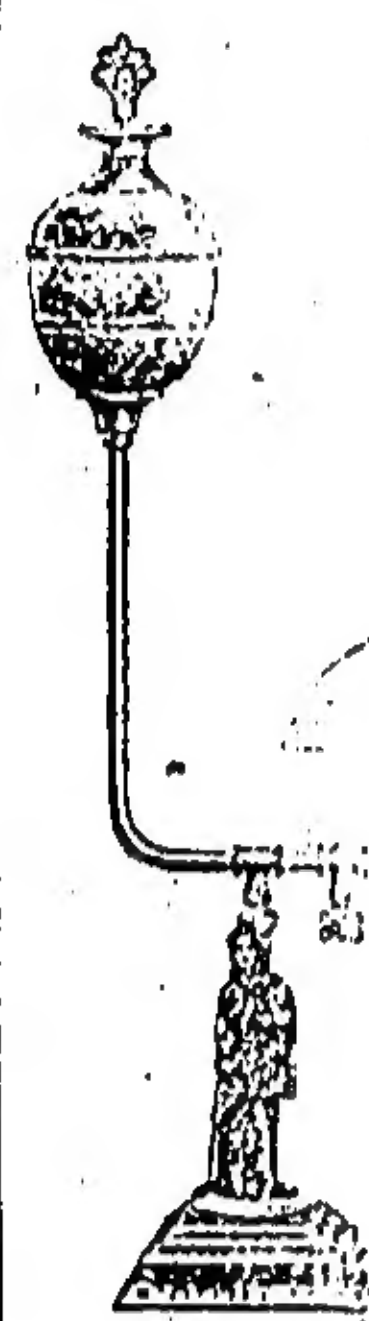
In Casks of 37½ lbs. net \$5.00 per Cask ex Factory.

In Bags of 250 lbs. net \$3.20 per Bag ex Factory.

SHEWAN, TOMES & Co.,
General Managers.

Hongkong, 2nd September, 1904. [50]

FOR SALE.



INCANDESCENT, Gasoline, Lamps of all descriptions from the best makers.

Incandescent Mantles, Chimneys, Globes, Shades, &c., for Gasoline and Gas Lamps at the most moderate prices.

Lamps fixed up for Buyers free of charge.

Naphtha of the best kind kept in stock.

TAI KWONG CO.

56, Lyndhurst Terrace.

Hongkong, 16th November, 1904. [54]

To Let.

TO LET.

GODOWNS Nos. 100 and 101, Praya East, with Water Frontage.

Apply to—

"VICTORIA BUILDINGS."

Hongkong, 28th December, 1904. [1394]

TO LET.

SIX FIRST-CLASS EUROPEAN HOUSES in Observatory Road, Tsing Tsai Tsoi, Kowloon. Each with five spacious well-ventilated living rooms, two bath rooms, kitchen, garden, tennis courts, servants' quarters, water, gas, electric lights and bells. Moderate Rental. Possession on or about 1st April, 1905.

Apply to—

ARRATOON V. APCAR & Co.,
45, Wyndham Street.

Hongkong, 6th January, 1905. [104]

TO LET.

GODOWN No. 3, New Praya, Kennedy Town.

Apply to—

THE HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT & AGENCY CO., LD.,
Hongkong, 21st November, 1904. [71]

TO LET.

NO. 1, STEWART TERRACE, THE PEAK.

Apply to—

THE HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT & AGENCY CO., LD.,
Hongkong, 26th March, 1904. [70]

TO LET.

NO. 1, RIVON TERRACE.

"HATHERLEIGH," a detached residence with Tennis Court on CONDUIT ROAD.

A HOUSE in WONG NEI CHONG ROAD.

FLATS in MORETON TERRACE, facing Polo Ground.

OFFICES in course of erection, CONNAUGHT ROAD (near BLACK PIER).

GODOWNS: PRAYA EAST.

Apply to—

THE HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT & AGENCY CO., LD.,
Hongkong, 25th January, 1905. [69]

TO LET.

WILD DELL BUILDINGS, No. 147, WANCHAI ROAD. Comfortable and airy Flats of 2 or 3 Rooms, from \$25 inclusive of Taxes.

And others to suit various requirements.

S. A. SETH,
Land and Estate Broker,
Dairy Farm Co., Ltd.

Hongkong, 5th January, 1905. [72]

TO LET.

EUROPEAN HOUSES, Nos. 2 to 4, 6 to 8 and 10 to 15, GAP ROAD, facing Race Course, within reach of the Electric Cars, thoroughly cleaned and colour-washed, in flats or whole.

Apply to—

S. A. SETH,
Land and Estate Broker,
Dairy Farm Co., Ltd.

Hongkong, 5th January, 1905. [73]

SHARE QUOTATIONS.

Supplied by Messrs. BENJAMIN, KELLY & POTTS. Corrected to noon; later alterations given under "Commercial Intelligence," page 5.

STOCKS.	NO. OF SHARES.	VALUE.	PAID UP	POSITION AS PER LAST REPORT.	LAST DIVIDEND.	APPROXIMATE RETURN AT PRESENT QUOTATION.	CLOSING QUOTATIONS.	
				RESERVE.	AT WORKING ACCOUNT.			
BANKS.								
Hongkong & Shanghai Banking Corporation	80,000	\$125	\$125	{ \$1,000,000 \$7,000,000 \$250,000 \$175,533 \$191,973 }	\$1,492,554	{ Div. of £1.10/- @ exchange 1/9 15/16 } { \$16.41 for first half-year 1904..... }	{ \$720 buyers London £75 \$38 sales }	
National Bank of China, Limited.....	99,925	£7	£7	{ \$1,400,000 81,739 }	\$21,668	\$2 (London 3/6) for 1903	51 % \$38 sales	
MARINE INSURANCES.								
Canton Insurance Office, Limited	10,000	\$250	\$50	{ \$1,400,000 81,739 }	\$150,494	\$17 for 1903	61 % \$255 buyers	
China Traders' Insurance Company, Limited	24,000	\$83.33	\$25	{ \$950,000 \$115,992 \$362,366 \$371,445 }	Nil.	\$4 1/2 for year ended 30.4.1904	71 % \$58 1/2 sales	
North China Insurance Company, Limited	10,000	£15	£5	Tls. 800,000	Tls. 217,119	Final of 10/- making £1 for 1903	8 % Tls. 95 sellers	
Union Insurance Society of Canton, Limited	10,000	\$250	\$100	{ \$1,850,000 £20,000 \$172,749 \$803,110 \$846,773 \$700,000 \$37,794 \$1,000,000 \$125,675 \$2,561 \$1,170,288 }	\$2,078,997	\$35 for 1903	5 % \$700 sellers	
Yangtze Insurance Association, Limited	8,000	\$100	\$60	{ \$1,000,000 \$37,794 \$1,000,000 \$125,675 \$2,561 \$1,170,288 }	\$486,284	\$12 for 1902	8 % \$160	
FIRE INSURANCES.								
China Fire Insurance Company, Limited	20,000	\$100	\$20	{ \$1,000,000 \$125,675 \$2,561 \$1,170,288 }	\$329,047	\$6 dividend & \$1 bonus for 1902	71 % \$93	
Hongkong Fire Insurance Company, Limited	8,000	\$250	\$50	{ \$1,000,000 \$125,675 \$2,561 \$1,170,288 }	\$371,110	\$22 1/2 for 1902	61 % \$340 sellers	
SHIPPING, TUG AND CARGO BOATS.								
China and Manila Steamship Company, Limited.....	30,000	\$25	\$25	none	Dr. \$63,123	\$5 for 1900.....	Nil \$23	
Douglas Steamship Company, Limited	20,000	\$50	\$50	{ \$185,000 \$80,935 \$250,000 \$600,000 \$157,555 }	Nil.	\$3 for year ended 30.6.1903	6 % \$34 buyers	
Hongkong, Canton & Macao Steamboat Co., Ltd. ...	80,000	\$15	\$15	{ \$205,000 £100,000 }	\$16,362	\$1 1/2 for first half-year 1904	10 1/2 % \$26	
Indo-China Steam Navigation Company, Limited ..	60,000	£10	£10	{ £205,000 £100,000 }	£5,853	10/- for 1903 @ 1/10 5/16 = \$5.378.....	4 1/2 % \$124 buyers	
Shanghai Tug and Lighter Company, Limited	200,000	Tls. 50	Tls. 50	none	Tls. 55,541	Interim of Tls. 2 for 1904	9 % Tls. 50 sales	
Do. (Preference)	100,000	Tls. 50	Tls. 50	none	Tls. 55,541	Interim of Tls. 2 for 1904	7 1/2 % Tls. 48 sales	
"Shell" Transport and Trading Company, Limited ..	1,000,000	£1	£1	{ £40,000 \$60,000 \$15,093 \$400,000 \$130,153 £18,000 }	£19,555	Interim of 1/- (Coupon No. 5) for 1904 ...	4 % 22/- sales	
"Star" Ferry Company, Limited.....	10,000	\$10	\$5	{ \$15,093 \$400,000 \$130,153 £18,000 }	\$1,287	{ \$1.80 & b. 40 cts } { \$0.90 & b. 20 cts. } for year ending 30.4.04	{ 5 1/2 % 3 1/2 % }	{ \$38 \$29 }
Straits Steamship Company, Limited	5,000	\$100	\$100	{ \$21,075 \$18,000 \$130,153 £18,000 }	\$33,648	\$5 for 2nd 1/2-year making \$13 for 1903.....	9 % \$140 sellers	
Taku Tug and Lighter Company, Limited	30,000	T.Tls. 50	T.Tls. 50	{ Tls. 98,000 Tls. 201,614 }	Tls. 865	Interim of Tls. 1 1/2 for 1904	10 % Tls. 30 sellers	
REFINERIES.								
China Sugar Refining Company, Limited	20,000	\$100	\$100	none	Dr. \$147,717	Interim of \$5 for 1904	Nil \$220 buyers	
Luzon Sugar Refining Company, Limited	7,000	\$100	\$100	none	Dr. \$73,905	\$3 for 1897.....	\$224 buyers	
Perak Sugar Cultivation Company, Limited	7,000	Tls. 50	Tls. 50	Tls. 100,000	Tls. 1,635	Tls. 2 1/2 for year ending 30.9.04	4 1/2 % Tls. 57 1/2 sellers	
MINING.								
Chinese Engineering and Mining Company, Ltd.	1,000,000	£1	£1	{ £40,000 \$60,000 \$15,093 \$400,000 \$130,153 £18,000 }	£7,820	No. 3 of 1/6 50 cents making G. \$1 for 1904	6 % Tls. 7.40	
Oriental Consolidated Mining Company, Limited ..	150,000	G \$10	G \$10	none	G \$67,820	No. 12 of 1/- = 48 cents	G \$18 1/2 sales	
Raub Australian Gold Mining Company, Limited ..	50,000	£1	£1	{ £4,873 }	Dr. £4,029	Final of Feb. 25 making Fcs. 55 for 1903 ..	Nil \$490	
Société Française des Charbonnages du Tonkin	16,000	Fcs. 250	Fcs. 250	{ Fcs. 251,337 Fcs. 1,529,652 }	Fcs. 85,706	Final of Feb. 25 making Fcs. 55 for 1903 ..	Nil \$490	
DOCKS, WHARVES & GODOWNS.								
Geo. Fenwick & Co., Limited	6,000	\$25	\$25	{ \$70,000 \$50,989 \$250,000 \$15,500 }	\$10,517	\$3.75 for 1903	8 % \$43 sellers	
Hongkong & Kowloon Wharf and Godown, Co., Ltd. ..	30,000	\$50	\$50	{ \$50,989 \$250,000 \$15,500 }	\$28,015	Interim of \$2 1/2 for 1904	4 1/2 % \$104 1/2	
Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Company, Ltd.	50,000	\$50	\$30	{ \$50,989 \$250,000 \$15,500 }	\$505,471	{ First year \$6 dividend and \$2 bonus for first half- year 1904 \$10 div. & \$5 bonus for year end. 30/6/04 \$1 1/2 for 1903 \$10 div. and \$2 1/2 bonus } for 1903	{ 7 1/2 % 7 1/2 % 4 1/2 % 6 1/2 % 8 % }	{ \$208 buyers \$305 buyers \$25 \$192 \$114 }
Howarth Erskine, Limited	12,000	\$100	\$100	{ \$60,000 \$55,500 }	\$489	Tls. 5 interim for 1904/5	8 % Tls. 153 buyers	
New Amoy Dock Company, Limited	6,000	\$60	\$60	{ \$60,000 \$55,500 }	\$489	Interim of Tls. 4 for 1904	8 1/2 % Tls. 137 1/2 buyers	
Riley Hargreaves & Co., Limited	6,000	\$100	\$100	{ \$60,000 \$55,500 }	\$489	\$6 for first half year 1904	3 1/2 % \$375 sales	
Do. (Preference).....	2,750	Tls. 100	Tls. 100	{ Tls. 41,000 Tls. 50 }	Tls. 655	Tls. 18 for 1903	3 1/2 % Tls. 190	
S. C. Farnham, Boyd & Co., Limited	55,200	Tls. 100	Tls. 100	{ Tls. 50 Tls. 201,614 }	Tls. 37,634	Interim of Tls. 3 1/2	9 % Tls. 67 buyers	
Shanghai and Hongkew Wharf Company	32,000	Tls. 100	Tls. 100	{ Tls. 487,210 Tls. 22,895 }	Tls. 22,895	Interim of Tls. 4 for 1904	8 1/2 % Tls. 137 1/2 buyers	
Tanjong Pagar Dock Company, Limited	37,000	\$100	\$100	{ \$2,100,000 Tls. 6,000 }	\$43,732	\$6 for first half year 1904	3 1/2 % \$375 sales	
Yangtze Wharf and Godown Company, Limited.....	2,500	Tls. 100	Tls. 100	{ Tls. 6,000 Tls. 17,144 }	Tls. 1,760	Tls. 18 for 1903	5 1/2 % Tls. 190	
LANDS, HOTELS & BUILDING.								
Astor House Hotel Company, Limited (Shanghai) ...	30,000	\$25	\$25	none	\$9,989	\$2 1/2 for year ended 30.6.1904	9 % \$27 sales	
Astor House Hotel, Limited (Tientsin)	2,000	T.Tls. 50	T.Tls. 50	{ Tls. 41,000 Tls. 50 }	Tls. 655	Interim of Tls. 4	6 % Tls. 150 sellers	
China Land and Finance Company, Limited	6,000	Tls. 50	Tls. 50	{ \$100,000 \$11,844 \$20,000 \$250,000 \$13,986 \$200,607 \$50,000 none Tls. 800,600 Tls. 17,144 }	\$11,668	\$5 for first half-year 1904	7 1/2 % \$141 buyers	
Hongkong Hotel Company, Limited	12,000	\$50	\$50	{ \$100,000 \$11,844 \$20,000 \$250,000 \$13,986 \$200,607 \$50,000 none Tls. 800,600 Tls. 17,144 }	\$11,668	Final of \$6 making \$12 for 1904	9 % \$134 sales ex div.	
Hongkong Land Investment and Agency Co., Ltd. ...	50,000	\$100	\$100	{ \$250,000 Tls. 13,986 \$200,607 \$50,000 none Tls. 800,600 Tls. 17,144 }	\$37,875	Tls. 0.87 1/2 for the year ending 31.3.1904 ...	4 1/2 % Tls. 20 sales	
Hotel des Colonies Company, Limited (Shanghai) ..	9,000	Tls. 25	Tls. 25	{ Tls. 13,986 \$200,607 \$50,000 none Tls. 800,600 Tls. 17,144 }	Tls. 680	90 cents for 1903	7 1/2 % \$13 sales	
Humphreys Estate & Finance Company, Limited ..	150,000	\$10	\$10	{ \$50,000 none Tls. 800,600 Tls. 17,144 }	\$9,177	\$3 for 1904	8 % \$37 buyers ex div	
Kowloon Land and Building Company, Limited ..	6,000	\$50	\$50	{ Tls. 800,600 Tls. 17,144 }	\$377	Interim of Tls. 3 for 1904	7 % Tls. 116 buyers	
Shanghai Land Investment Company, Limited	52,000	Tls. 50	Tls. 50	{ Tls. 800,600 Tls. 17,144 }	Tls. 37,634	Interim of Tls. 3 1/2	9 % Tls. 67 buyers	
Tientsin Hotel des Colonies, Limited.....	1,400	Tls. 50	Tls. 50	none	Dr. Tls. 2,132	Interim of Tls. 3 1/2	7 % Tls. 125 sales	
Tientsin Land Investment Company, Limited	7,726	Tls. 100	Tls. 100	{ Tls. 54,626 Tls. 25,000 \$250,000 \$25,000 }	Tls. 335	None	Nil Tls. 12 buyers	
Wei-hai-wei Land and Building Company, Limited ..	3,764	Tls. 25	Tls. 25	{ none none }	Tls. 5,150	Final of \$1.70 making \$3.20 for 1904	5 1/2 % \$37 ex div.	
West Point Building Company, Limited	12,500	\$50	\$50	{ none none }	Tls. 1,747	Tls. 4 for year ended 31.10.1903	17 1/2 % Tls. 23 sales	
COTTON MILLS.								
Ewo Cotton Spinning and Weaving Company, Ltd. ...	15,000	Tls. 50	Tls. 50	none	Tls. 11,655	50 cents for the year ending 31.7.04	3 1/2 % \$13 sellers	
Hongkong Cotton Spinning, Weaving and Dyeing Co.,								